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TO : Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

FROM : Chief, Military Economics Branch, D/I

SUBJECT: Activity Report for November 1959

DATE: 3 December 1959

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1. Status of Branch Projects

- ✓ a. 39.2381, Soviet Military Manpower, 1947-58

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This report continues to be our next priority item. The review in the branch has been delayed because [REDACTED] has been involved in the editorial phases of his own project.

- ✓ b. 39.2384, Soviet Military Expenditures, 1947-63

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This report has been reviewed in the division and the internal coordination and clean-up phases are nearing completion. It is hoped to get this report into the hands of the military services for comment in short order. However, certain policy decisions with respect to it must be reached first.

- ✓ c. 39.2760, Value of Output of Soviet Land Armaments, 1950-59

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This project has been reviewed with respect to its current status. It would seem that the project is in trouble; a further extensive review of the situation will be held with the responsible analyst in the near future.

- ✓ d. 39.2765, Soviet Air Forces Personnel Pay

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The initial draft of the first section of the report is complete and organization of data for the second section is progressing satisfactorily. The project is essentially on schedule.

- ✓ e. 39.2766, Maintenance and Operation Expense for Soviet Military Motor Vehicles and Armored Vehicles

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A review of material gathered in research resulted in some realignment of this project. Research is practically complete and analysis and organization of data are underway. Some writing has been done on the initial sections of the paper.

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2. Status of Support Projects

- ✓ a. 10.2200, Soviet Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action Through 1964

The last supplement to the preliminary contribution was forwarded on 16 September 1959. We will be able to submit the final version quickly when NIE 11-8-59 has advanced to the appropriate stage.

- ✓ b. 10.2677, Soviet National Accounts, 1958

Our contribution to this project is being typed now.

- ✓ c. 30.2201, Soviet Military Expenditures through 1964 (NIE 11-4-59)

A preliminary contribution (IP 59-33) and a Special supplement were issued 6 October 1959. A second supplement (IP 59-33-S-2) was distributed on 29 October. Work is underway to enable quick action on the final version when NIE 11-8-59 reaches the appropriate state.

- ✓ d. 30.2204, Sino-Soviet Bloc Air Defense Capabilities (NIE 11-3-60)

Contributions from ORR branches are due to I/ME 15 December 1959. The possibility of embarking on a more ambitious project than can be accomplished within this deadline will be discussed with the ONE staff shortly.

- ✓ e. 30.2455, Value of Military Materials Exported by the Sino-Soviet Bloc to Underdeveloped Countries, 1955-58 25X1A9a

This project has been submitted for branch review and will follow after Project 39.2381 in priority.

f. On 6 November 1959 I/ME prepared for CSS a reply to the question: "By what means, and how soon, could or should we become aware of the cessation of production of tanks and gun tubes in the USSR? Considering inspection and no inspection."

3. Changes in Estimates

None.

4. Relationships with Other Components

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4. Relationships with Other Components (continued)

25X1A5a1 [redacted] explained some of 25X1A5a1 needs for its work for the Coolidge Committee. It was decided that 25X1A5a1 [redacted] might visit ORR profitably in this connection.

25X1X7 b. 25X1A9a [redacted] visited [redacted] to discuss the nature of revised estimates of Soviet defense expenditures.

5. Future Plans

25X1A5a1 [redacted] will visit ORR in connection with the work for the Coolidge Committee.

6. Other Problems and Recommendations

None.

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